

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE STATISTICS

In 2009, Children's Advocacy Centers around the country served over 260,000 child victims of abuse, providing victim advocacy and support to these children and their families.

- 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before the age of 18.
- The median age for reported abuse is 9 years old.
- Nearly 70% of all reported sexual assaults are on children ages 17 and under.
- 80% of child abuse victims have been maltreated by one or both parents.
- There are 40 million survivors of child sexual abuse in America today.



If you would like to have our trained staff speak to a neighborhood and community group on safeguarding your children and recognizing possible signs of sexual abuse, please call us at 702.455.5371.



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Clark County with it's partner agencies operates the Southern Nevada Children's Assessment Center (SNCAC), formerly known as the Clark County Children's Advocacy Center. In 2009 the Center was awarded its second five-year accreditation by completing an intensive year long re-accreditation process and received the highest rating possible by the Washington, D.C. based accreditation agency - the National Children's Alliance. This accreditation is akin to the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval of best practices for children and families of sexual abuse. So you and your family are assured of receiving the best care in addressing sexual abuse issues. Currently, the SNCAC is the only accredited Children's Assessment Center in the State of Nevada.

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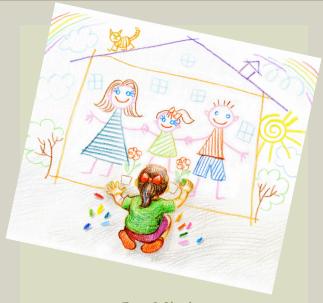
SOUTHERN NEVADA CHILDREN'S ASSESSMENT CENTER

for Sexually Abused Children





To care for your child/ children as if they were our own with compassion, kindness, understanding, and respect.



Our Mission

Our mission is to provide a coordinated multi-disciplinary, child-sensitive response to allegations of child sexual abuse through a systematic array of investigative and service responses designed specifically to address the child's needs for protection and well being; provide support to non-offending caregivers; and ensure the effective prosecution of offenders.



What is the Southern Nevada Children's Assessment Center?

Our Children's Assessment Center is woven and tied together by local agencies and professionals. The team works together to reduce the trauma victims experience and enhance the ability to respond to child maltreatment. The team is composed of child protection workers, law enforcement officers, medical providers, prosecutors, victim advocates, mental health providers, and CAC staff who together conduct a coordinated interview by trained professionals in the CAC environment. Team members coordinate their efforts to ensure that the child is safe and that his or her needs are met. We provide hope and healing to victims and their families.

Our CAC utilizes a joint investigative approach, where information can flow seamlessly among the professionals who need it. CAC staff assist families, helping them understand the system, and refer to needed resources and services.

In many ways, the Children's Assessment Center is like a quilt, bringing together individual pieces to form a source of comfort for victims and the families from beginning to end.

Every year, we help more than 700 children up to age 18 begin to heal from sexual abuse. Our child-friendly environment provides a private, comfortable and supportive setting that encourages healing.

If you suspect or know if a child is being sexually abused, please contact **702.399.0081** immediately to report the abuse.

Healing can only begin once the silence is broken.

Our Partners

General partners of the SNCAC include staff from the following agencies and county departments: Clark County Family Services, Clark County Manager's Office, Clark County District Attorney's Office, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Henderson Police Department, North Las Vegas Police Department, Boulder City Police Department, Mesquite Police Department, U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation and mental health/medical service providers.



Children First Foundation

The Children First Foundation, once organized, will be a philanthropic based 501 (c) 3 that works in a private/public partnership with the Southern Nevada Children's Assessment Center to enhance the delivery of care and treatment services of sexually abused children. For information on specific information on designating the SNCAC for donations, living gifts, wills, or trusts for children in our community who have been sexually abuse, please call us at 702.455.5371. Your generous gift will change the lives of our children's future. The Foundation's future website will be found at

www.ChildrenFirstNevada.org www.ChildrenFirstFoundationNV.org